

Talking points for Advisory Members to use to facilitate sharing of information with constituency groups:

Topic 1 Talking points: The Modernization of E-rate beginning in FY 2015-16:

1. The goal of the E-rate Modernization program is to improve the speed and capacity of school district's networks to create ubiquitous computing in all classrooms.
2. Voice services will be phased out of the E-rate program for all school districts over the next three and four years. All schools districts will have to budget for the loss of these E-rate discounts. Broadband and Internet through the WNYRIC are secure and will not be altered.
3. All schools will have a budget for Category 2 services - Internal networking - based on \$150 per student - to be used over the next 5 years. All districts should plan to upgrade their networks, and apply for E-rate discounts each year until their networking funds have been expended.

Topic 2 Talking points: Smart Schools Bond Act

1. This bond will be proposal 3 on the general election ballot on November 4, 2014.
2. Funding amounts were included on each school's aid run for this year. Amounts and information are available at: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/smart-schools-ny>
3. Proceeds from the bond will be spend to improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students of the State by funding capital projects to:
 1. Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities including, but ot limited to:
 - Interactive whiteboards
 - Computer servers
 - Desktop, laptop and tablet computers;
 2. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities;
 3. Construct, enhance and modernize educational facilities to accommodate pre-kindergarten programs and provide instructional space to replace transportable classroom unites; and
 4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses
4. There was a request for a saved the date for a workshop to be hosted by WNYRIC for planning and information sharing should this pass. This has been scheduled for November 17, 2014 at 9:00 AM. DL conferencing will be available.

Topic 3 Talking points: Education Law 2d

1. Education Law 2-d affects data security and privacy for student and educators.
2. Erie 1 Policy Services has sent out updates and samples to policy subscribing districts.
3. WNYRIC and MORIC in collaboration with Policy Services and Labor Relations from Madison-Oneida and Erie 1 BOCES are providing guidance to SED.
4. Office of Test Security will house Chief Privacy Officer at NYSED when hired. Position is posted for CPO presently. Many decisions and guidance rest on the involvement of this individual.
5. Contracts negotiated by Erie 1 will have privacy language in addendum upon renewal in July 2015. Any new contracts negotiated will include as well so subscribing districts can reference.

Topic 4 Talking points: Broadband and Network effectiveness

1. New contract details are being negotiated at this time. Details will be shared as soon as negotiations have been finalized.
2. Please see Q and A provided for background and planning moving forward. If other questions arise, please forward and we will add to the Q & A.
3. The WNYRIC will continue to share information proactively when expected high bandwidth usage events are known to be scheduled (i.e. iOS8 release). Districts to then advise staff of best practice or possible impact to shared network access.